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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6760** File No. 736 Cal. No. 527

"AN ACT CONCERNING BOATING SAFETY."

Strike lines 101 to 122, inclusive, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"[(A)] (1) interfere with or endanger the operation of the law enforcement vessel or any other vessel, [(B)] (2) endanger or cause damage to property or person, or [(C)] (3) increase or maintain speed in an attempt to escape or elude such law enforcement officer shall be [fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars for a first offense and for any subsequent offense shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars] guilty of a class A misdemeanor. If such violation causes the death or serious physical injury of another person, the vessel operator shall be guilty of a class D felony, and such operator's safe boating certificate, certificate of personal watercraft operation or right to operate a vessel that requires a certificate shall be suspended for one year. For any subsequent offense, such operator shall be guilty of a class D felony, except that if any prior offense by such operator under this section

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caused, and such subsequent offense causes, the death or serious 17 18 physical injury of another person, such operator shall be guilty of a class D felony for which one year of the sentence imposed may not be 19 20 suspended or reduced by the court, and such operator's safe boating 21 certificate, certificate of personal watercraft operation or right to 22 operate a vessel that requires a certificate shall be suspended for not 23 less than eighteen months or more than two years. Proof of the 24 registration number of the vessel shall be prima facie evidence in any 25 prosecution that the owner was the operator. For purposes of this 26 subsection, "serious physical injury" means physical injury which 27 creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health or serious loss or 28 impairment of the function of any bodily organ." 29

30 Strike sections 5 and 6 in their entirety and renumber internal references accordingly.